



DEPARTMENT CUTS REVEALED TODAY

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In sports this would be considered the fourth quarter, the final stretch. Today the University is set to announce its plan to cut academic departments and faculty.

It began Jan. 17 when Gov. Jay Nixon announced a 12.5 percent cut to higher education. That day has since become infamous to Missouri higher education.

"The 12.5 percent (cut), for two and four year schools, we consider an insult," Representative Mike Thompson said in an interview Jan. 19.

The Northwest Leadership Team, after a flurry of closed-door meetings, planned to unveil their response plan Feb. 8. Jay Nixon then revealed plans to move approximately \$40 million back into higher education.

The move bought time for the NLT, which was left with a budget temporarily buffered by the addition-

al funds but still short by at least 12.5 percent for the next fiscal year and more years to come.

"(The restoration) does not change how we approach the array of financial obligations that Northwest continues to face," President John Jasienski said in an email to faculty and staff following Nixon's restoration of \$40 million to the budget.

Even after this new information was brought to the attention of the administration, University officials

continued forward progress. Provost Doug Dunham assured The Missourian they would follow through with vertical cuts.

After weeks of waiting, the Northwest community will finally hear the plan that has demanded so much attention. And after three years of cuts amounting to 25 percent of our budget, the administration has turned to cutting personnel, departments and services, the details of which were not available at the time of press.

Dunham and other University officials admitted that these decisions will be difficult to make. In spite of that, they resolve that Northwest will emerge stronger and even more efficient.

"What we can't do is cut services or programs that have enabled our students to succeed," Dunham said.

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Faculty soars with weight loss program

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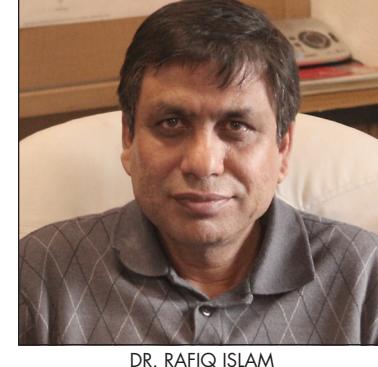
Members of the Northwest faculty and staff are losing a ton of weight, literally.

Since Weight Watchers first came to campus in January 2011, the group has collectively lost more than 2,000 pounds. Beginning with 50 members, the now 40-member group is proud to have eight members go on to be life-long members.

"One of the reasons why we have fewer people is because we have had so many reach their goals and have maintained it," Robert Keefer Adjunct Professor and Weight Watcher's group leader said. "In this group we have eight folks from the Northwest faculty and staff who have reached their goals; that's really quite an accomplishment."

Keefer takes pride in the group after becoming a life-long member in 2003. He attributes his love for life as a reason for getting into Weight Watchers in the first place.

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DR. RAFIQ ISLAM

Biochemistry professor receives patent

EMILY DEMAREA

Chief Reporter

One University professor is now teaching students with a new patent under his name.

Professor of biochemistry Dr. Rafiq Islam invented a method to detect sugar and silver nanoparticles by using a microwave.

According to the leading Life Science and high technology company, Sigma-Aldrich of St. Louis, silver nanoparticles are being incorporated into products that range from photovoltaic to biological and chemical sensors.

"I don't know how my invention will change people's lives," Islam admits. "But by simplifying procedure, it might be helpful for components they are making now."

Islam said he has been working on the invention since 2006. He believes it is an inexpensive task that other scientists and biochemists can use.

Although it took a few years to develop the invention, Islam said the process to receiving his patent was surprisingly simple.

Associate professor of organic

New to Maryville, Papichulo's has become a very popular restaurant in town. It is located at 314 N Main St.

PAPICHULO'S: mending Maryville's midnight munchies

ALEX RASH

News Editor

If you drive down Main Street between one and three a.m. on a Saturday night, the whole town looks asleep. The stores along the way have their "closed" signs hanging in the windows and there is silence, with the exception of a few cars making their way home. However, a light shines through the windows between 3rd and 4th street and the quiet of the night is drowned out by the sound of endless conversation. The smell of Mexican food floats through the air as the late night crowd is welcomed at Papichulo's.

Papichulo's Mexican Grill, a new restaurant in downtown Maryville, seems to have found the secret to owning a success-

ful business in a college town. Students enjoy their combination of quality food and flexible hours, open from 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday.

Papichulo's owners and brothers, Luis and Juan Morales, aren't new to the restaurant game. They own two other restaurants, El Cimarron in Savanna and another in Marceline, Mo. However, their idea to keep their doors open late seems to have unlocked some great success for their new project.

"I like it because it is quick and they give you a lot of food," sophomore Logan Compton said. "And they are open late, so you can go end your night there."

Northwest students are not the only ones who enjoy the new restaurant. Uni-

versity of Missouri student Jeff Lloyd expressed great satisfaction in his first late-night trip to Papichulo's during his recent visit to Maryville.

"I don't even like Mexican food, but I'd still eat here," Lloyd said. "It's amazing. Two pounds of meat, cheese, and taco fillings... eventually (everyone) will know the power of Papichulo's."

Some students, like senior Kinsey Ruehert, simply appreciate having a safe environment where they can sit down and enjoy food with their friends after a night at the bars.

"It's nice to have a place I can go to (after the bars close) that isn't going to get me pregnant," Ruehert said.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROFILE: CLARENCE GREEN

University police director enjoys student interaction

ASHLEY HERRING

Assistant News Editor

He is a planner by nature, someone who enjoys reading and creating policies and procedures and who drinks his coffee black. The St. Louis native is Director of University Police, Clarence Green.

Green studied psychology, sociology and criminal justice at Northwest and graduated in '93. He said his desire to enter the criminal justice field started at a young age.

"I always knew I wanted to be a police officer. A good friend of our family was the police chief of East St. Louis, and I would talk with him about police work," Green said. "I wanted to make a difference and do some educational things in law enforcement also. I learned all of that just by watching him work."

He may enjoy the challenge of finding ways to perfect the policies and procedures in place at the University but it is not the most impactful part of his job. He enjoys working at the University because of the connection to the students.

"My favorite part is the interaction with students. I enjoy that more than anything," Green said. "I like talking with students, listening to students, trying to understand what is going on within their environment of the institution so we can adjust those policies and procedures to meet what they're doing."

"It always comes back to policies and procedures to make sure that we're doing the right things to assist students and make sure they're successful while they're here."

In addition to the interaction with students that Green gains through his position on the police squad, his reach on campus has extended into the area of emergency planning. Serv-



Clarence Green, Director of University Police at Northwest, does much more than one would expect. Clarence teaches classes at Northwest, works with disadvantaged youth, and he is a dedicated father of four.

ing on the University's emergency planning and response team has given him the opportunity to improve the University's policies and procedures that focus on emergency preparation and response.

"It's a neat environment. I was fortunate enough to serve on the governor's task force four years ago, where we looked at emergency procedures following Virginia Tech," Green

said. "I have a lot of experience in that and really like emergency planning."

This year, Green has further developed his campus involvement, venturing into a new environment – the classroom, where he teaches criminology and delinquency.

"I love the interaction with the students,

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Northwest graduate returns after teaching abroad in Tanzania

EMILY DEMAREA

Chief Reporter

One University student returned in December to graduate, after living nearly 9,000 miles away.

Shelby Eagan is a graduate who majored in social science education at Northwest. Eagan taught middle and high school students at International School Moshi in Tanzania during the 2011 fall semester.

Along with student teaching, Eagan said she was able to go on a safari, hike Mount Meru, which has the second highest peak in Tanzania, help coach sports and travel all over the country.

Living in a place that didn't even have street lights, Eagan said that adjusting to the Tanzanian culture was pretty difficult at first.

Jeaneth Puriel has been the University study abroad coordinator since 2005. Puriel was one of the people responsible for helping Eagan get to Tanzania for her student teaching.

Puriel said the way she helps students is by connecting them with the University of Field Experiences from the University of Northern Iowa.

"The University of Field Experiences then places the students abroad and secures the student teaching placements, along with finding the host school where the students will be teaching at," Puriel said.

Puriel also helps students with housing and travel information.

While teaching for the school, Eagan was housed with other teachers from the United States, Europe and South America.

"Luckily, I was able to live off-campus with other teachers that worked there, and they were all younger, in their 20s or 30s," Eagan said. "I was able to go to them to break me in and tell me what to be prepared for."

Being able to adapt to a complete culture shock has definitely helped her grow as a person, she said.

"It made me way more thankful for things you don't even think about," Eagan said. "Like having power past 10 at night and having clean water and shoes and having some place to go to buy clothes that aren't second-hand."

Along with Eagan, Puriel said she thinks it is important for the University to offer a student teaching abroad program.

She also said student teachers with international students in their classrooms will have an advantage after teaching abroad.

"I think it gives our future teachers a different perspective of a classroom," she said. "It gives them the opportunity to work with international students and develop skills they can bring back to their classrooms if they're going to be teaching in the U.S."

When Eagan looked back on her venture, she said the most memorable experience she had was hiking with her pupils. Along with herself, about 30 students and a few

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Shelby Eagan

other teachers hiked nearly 15,000 feet onto Mount Meru.

"To be able to hang out with your students outside of school and really get to know them as people, not just as students, was a great experience," she said. "To help each other climb up a mountain was really nice."

To anyone considering studying abroad, Eagan said to apply for the chance while you still can. Eagan also said education majors especially should think about student teaching abroad, since a lot of the times they don't get the chance because of the way their program is set up.

"Apply to student teach abroad because it really gives you a chance to grow, as a teacher especially," she said. "You get to experience something you'd never experience student teaching in Missouri or Nebraska or Iowa."



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Graduate, Shelby Eagan, taught middle and high school students at the International School Moshi in Tanzania during the 2011 fall semester. During her stay she was also able to explore Tanzania by going on a safari and hiking Mount Meru.

Dairy team finds success in recent competitions

ERIC MIZENER

Missourian Reporter

When most people think of winning and competition at Northwest they think of our several national championships in football or our continued success in cheerleading. However, another team at Northwest is quietly achieving success of their own.

The Northwest Dairy Judging Team is joining the list of winning Bearcat programs. Despite their success, most of what they do and who they are, is unknown to many.

Only five students make up the entire team. Katie Pantry, Sarah Pantry, Jessica Murphy,

Tiffany Dugan and Justin Hicks are all led by coach and agriculture professor Dennis Padgett. When it comes to what they do in competitions, the name says it all. They evaluate dairy cattle. However, that only scratches the surface of what makes this team successful.

"We attend different high school contests," Katie said. "We help to officiate these contests in addition to competing."

Competitions are going well this year, as the team has just come off a successful trip to St. Joseph. Dugan was on the first-place team and Katie was on the second-place team. Murphy took third place and Hicks took fourth. This challenge consisted of teams going to a

local farm and evaluating the farm for problems and areas for improvement.

"We had access to every aspect that would affect the farm, including its history and financial records," Katie said. "After evaluating everything, we had to put together a 20-minute PowerPoint and present it to a panel of five professional judges where they then placed us."

The team is currently preparing for a contest in Coffeyville, Kan., followed by finals for competition. Any students who are interested in joining or want to learn more about the team can contact any of the team members or coach Padgett.

Northwest student questions University Police safety practices in serious situations

ALEX RASH

News Editor

Northwest has its share of bicyclists that choose a healthy and cost-efficient way to travel around campus. However, with the rush of college life, both bicyclists and motorists must remember to keep a watchful eye out for one another.

Freshman Alison Ackman found

herself in an intense situation Jan. 18 when she was hit at a crosswalk on her bicycle by a 2000 Toyota Tacoma.

Missouri's crosswalk law states that when traffic signals are not in place, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian, according to the Missouri General Assembly.

It also states that no pedestrian

shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Freshman Taylor Provow, the driver of the vehicle, helped Ackman and her bicycle into the car and proceeded to the University Police Department. The report filed by Reporting Officer Ray Ottman stated that Provow was "visibly upset by the accident." Ackman did not sustain any serious injuries, and there were no tickets issued for the accident.

"My biggest complaint is that nothing was done about this, about her getting a ticket, or that it wasn't taken seriously because I wasn't seriously hurt," Ackman said. "I almost feel like it was taken too lightly."

Ottman said that his decision was made based on the totality of

the event. The report included that the road condition was wet and snowy and that Provow approached the stop sign, looked both ways and did not see Ackman. Provow had no prior offenses.

"I personally think bikers need to be more cautious when riding their bikes. I know numerous people who have had a bike suddenly pull out in front of them," Provow said. "...I also think bikers should wear helmets and stop at stop signs as well."

Missouri's crosswalk law was updated in 2009 to include a more in-depth definition of the word "yield," which means slowing to a stop within forty feet of a pedestrian.

"They can give out parking tickets... but when it comes to something more serious they have no clue what to do," Ackman said. "I almost feel like we are not being properly protected."

Memory of alumus lives on through scholarship

BROOKE ASSEL

Missourian Reporter

After passing away in 2009, Chuck Place's family decided it was time to carry on the memory of their beloved family member by establishing a scholarship for students at Northwest.

"It seemed like a logical decision for us," Place's son, Ted said.

Place graduated with an accounting degree from Northwest in 1972 and stayed involved with the Northwest and surrounding community throughout his entire life. He served as president of the Northwest Foundation, was on multiple boards, including the Northwest Medical Center, and enjoyed watching Bearcat football games with his family.

"Northwest was a big part of his life," said Polly Parsons Howard, development officer for the Northwest Foundation. "Although he had been involved with other organizations and charities, Northwest was a big piece of his heart, and his family wanted to give back with hopes that others are inspired to give in the same way."

With an accounting degree and years of experience as a CPA, it only makes sense that the \$500 annual scholarship will be awarded to students majoring in accounting, economics or finance. Students from Albany will receive preference for the award, since that is where Place lived, raised his family and was president of Place's Discount Stores. The scholarship will be available to upperclassmen because along with financial need, campus involvement is imperative to receive the award.

"Dad always said, 'Don't worry about whether you are good or bad at something. Just show up and participate.' We want the scholarship to go to someone who shows up and makes an impact," Ted said.

The Place family hopes friends, alumni and those receiving the scholarship will give back to the University in some way, even if that is just talking to a prospective student about the benefits of attending Northwest, Ted said.

Weekend Events

Friday, February 17

Black History Month: <i>The Help</i> book club discussion	Homecoming Committee Applications
J.W. Jones Student Union	J.W. Jones Student Union
DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art	Baseball vs. University of Central Oklahoma
Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	1 p.m. at Edmond, Okla.
Music Performance Scholarship Auditions	Educator Preparation Redesign/Field and Clinical Experience
Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	1 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall
Professional Learning Communities 9 a.m. at Kearney School District	Dallas Alumni & Friends Chapter Family Bowling Night
	6 p.m. at 300 Bowling

Saturday, February 18

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service	12 p.m. at Edmond, Okla.
Black History Month: <i>The Help</i> book club discussion	Women's Basketball
J.W. Jones Student Union	1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Carnival of Brazil, Brazil	Baseball vs. University of Central Oklahoma
Homecoming Committee Applications	2:30 p.m. at Edmond, Okla.
J.W. Jones Student Union	Men's Basketball
Softball at Southwest Oklahoma State Tournament	3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Weatherford, Okla.	St. Joseph Alumni and Friends Chapter Mardi Gras Party
Password Pink	5:30 p.m. at Boudreaux's
11 a.m. at Maryville High School Gym	Single Life Event: Dinner and a Movie
Baseball vs. University of Central Oklahoma	5:30 p.m. at The Hangar

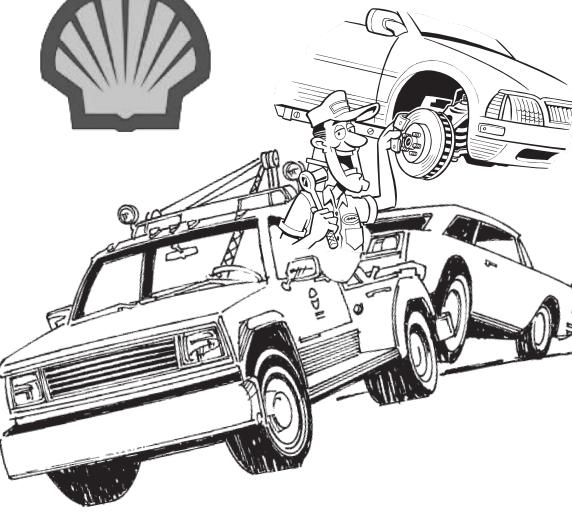
Sunday, February 19

Black History Month: <i>The Help</i> book club discussion	Senior Recital: Ajia Whipp, Trumpet, and Nicholas Thompson, Saxophone
J.W. Jones Student Union	5 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts
Homecoming Committee Applications	Fellowship Dinner
J.W. Jones Student Union	5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center
Softball at Southwest Oklahoma State Tournament	Catholic Mass
Weatherford, Okla.	7 p.m. at Newman Center
Baseball vs. University of Central Oklahoma	Senior Recital: Lauren Taylor, Voice, & Veeder Ransom, Trombone
12 p.m. at Edmond, Okla.	8 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts

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VALENTINE'S DAY



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

A group of friends take a non-traditional approach to Valentine's Day and miss the crowds by making a living room into their own restaurant. The gentlemen took the liberty of putting on the dinner for their special someone on Tuesday.

St. Gregory's Vaudeville event turns back time

JENNA ANTHONY

Missourian Reporter

Where can you find Shirley Temple and comedy team Abbott and Costello performing in the same vicinity? Only at the St. Gregory's Church during the Vaudeville event this Saturday.

The show is open to both the public and church parishioners

who have advance reservations. The J.C. Wyatt House will provide dinner to kick off the evening's entertainment Feb. 18.

"It's a good way for the public and church to come together for a common purpose," freshman Taylor Barton said.

The "live" stars include Shirley Temple, Mae West, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello and

many others. Those attending are also encouraged to wear a costume from the '20s-'40s. There is a contest for best costume during the event.

"We will have BJ Talley, a magician, and Georgi Lane, a singer, coming in to perform," Pam VanSicale, business manager of the church, said. "Also, there will be singing, music and skits put on by

the parishioners."

The church tries to host a Mardi Gras event each year, this year's being the Vaudeville event.

"It's a good, social time for the church and community," VanSicale said.

For those 21 and older, a cash bar will provide wine and beer. Any extra proceeds from the event will support the church.

Canadian Owls article corrections

The Missourian was informed of some factual errors in one of its articles published in last week's issue. To set the record straight, University undergraduate student Zach Hutchinson has spoken with Kansas State University's head of the wildlife department, Mark Robbins, about snowy owls. However, Hutchinson said that he does not report to Robbins on a regular basis.

Also, last week's article reported the snowy owls were being hunted in Missouri. The article should not have read that the owls were being hunted, but instead it should have read that they are not used to hunting for themselves in Missouri.

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Chocolate Festival helps number of local charities

SARAH THOMACK

Missourian Reporter

Chocolate fountains, chocolate covered cherries, chocolate pie and chocolate mice. No, this is not Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory, it is the First Presbyterian Church's 7th annual Chocolate Festival held on Feb. 11.

Each year, the women of the First Presbyterian Church make almost every kind of chocolate and chocolate covered confection imaginable. There are a number of free desserts served and a variety of candies and cookies are found in the chocolate shop. Chocolate covered cherries are the most popular candy, and the demand increases each year.

The idea evolved after Linda Hanson, one of the festival coordinators, attended a chocolate festival in Iowa. She mentioned the idea to the women in her church and when the first Chocolate Festival was a hit, they decided to make it a yearly

tradition.

The festival is the only fundraiser the church does all year. In the past, the festival has raised over \$2,000 each year.

"We want to use it to do good things in the community," Hanson said.

The funds will go toward Joplin disaster victims, local people in need, The Children and Family Center, church emergency needs, renovation of the church and to Shepherd's Kitchen. Shepherd's Kitchen is an event the church puts on each week that provides a free meal to anyone in the Maryville community every Thursday night.

The absence of chocolate when 3 p.m. rolled around indicated that the Chocolate Festival was, once again, a success. Reactions to the festival can be summed up by Kusuma Akunuru, a Northwest student who attended the festival.

"Thank you, God, for chocolate!" Akunuru said.



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Jaelyn, daughter of Joe and Brenda Alley, receives a special treat at the Chocolate Festival held last Saturday at First Presbyterian Church.

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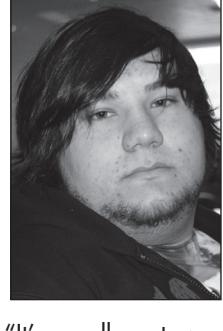


KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Students chow down at new, wallet-friendly Mexican restaurant Papichulo's Feb. 11. The restaurant has become an instant hit with the late-night crew, drawing as many as 300 college students on a Friday or Saturday night.

CAMPUS TALK

What is the secret to business success in Maryville?



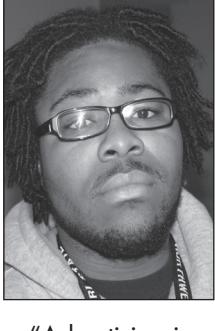
"It's a college town. And everything in this economy is just fluctuating. Some college people don't have that much money... the major reason places shut down is too much competition and not enough income."

Daniel Spangler
Chemistry



"Some know what the kids want, and they stay open as late as they need to... because the kids always know which ones are open and which ones are closed. So if you stay open late, they'll bring the money."

Imani Johnson
Physical Therapy
Spanish



"Advertising is key because people need to know what's going on about the restaurants. Like you said Papichulos, and I haven't even heard about that one."

Darien Smith
Journalism



"Customer service that they have, if they're willing to work with the customers really well and how friendly they are and what they're offering."

Kristy Langendorfer
Elementary Education



"Hard work is the main key. You've got to be willing to do what it takes to have a good product and good customer service skills, to be well-adapted to manage your money and manage your finances."

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Russians up in 21st-century Space Race

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In Antarctica, Russian scientists have proven that their research and development funds are alive and well. There, they have spent the last 43 years drilling through 2.3 miles of solid ice to reach a massive underground lake thought to hold ancient organisms that could provide insight about Earth's earliest ecosystems.

Meanwhile in America, our research spending is on the same chopping block as every other non-entitlement spending area. We have our own subterranean water sources to tap, but they are younger and smaller than Lake Vostok in Antarctica. In this 21st-century Space Race, America clearly lost.

Our anemic economy demands this temporary withdrawal from scientific research. The days of deep-sea exploration by means of cutting-edge technology like the

Hubble Telescope are over, or have at least taken a backseat to America's number-one driving force: creating jobs. President Barack Obama has decided that only certain kinds of scientific research lead to immediate job growth and has adjusted his budget accordingly.

Of the nation's \$3.7 trillion budget, the House proposed cuts of \$4.4 billion to basic research. This sharply contradicts Obama's plans to increase basic research by \$4 billion, while cutting defense research and development by \$3.3 billion. Even if Obama's support for research passed, our federal research monies wouldn't be spent on drilling into prehistoric lakes, Hubble's planetary inverse.

About \$1 billion of those funds would go toward solar cell research and other sustainable efforts. The green movement is one of our generation's strongest causes. Obama knows it, and his budget is giving the people what we want. Another \$1 billion would be made out to the National Institutes of Health, which primarily researches dietary health

and disease prevention. People who lead healthy lifestyles consistently spend less on health care than those who don't, making the NIH another wise investment, especially in light of health care's ballooning cost.

During the time of the Space Race, we were celebrating the end of the deadliest war in U.S. history. Through sheer production efforts, we had built our way out of an economic depression and were on our way to one of the most robust economies in our history. The time was right for another monumental challenge. If 2012 is not our time to be the world leader in scientific research, that's perfectly acceptable.

Keep in mind that this is temporary. If the right candidate hangs his hat in the Oval Office for the next four years and makes the necessary changes to turn our stock indicators from red to black, we could be back in the forefront of research before long. We will have to be in order to compete with our former Cold War rival, Russia, and new forces to be reckoned with, India and China.

Candidates consider contraceptives, contributions

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There has been a lot of debate over the past few weeks in Washington over the contraception controversy. The major group leading the charge against President Barack Obama is an organization of Catholic bishops hoping to detach Catholic churches, colleges and charities from being mandated to provide women free access to contraceptives, such as birth control.

President Obama tried striking a deal where religious organizations would not have to provide this service, but rather their health-care providers would cover the cost. It would be financially cheaper for healthcare providers to provide birth control and other preventative contraceptives than fund a pregnancy. Religious leaders saw the White House's deal on Friday as a start in the right direction but still rejected the revised health-care plan.

Two apparent issues arise from the controversy. The first is the issue of religious freedoms being stripped by a governmental mandate and second, an attack on women's health and fundamental rights. Congressional Democrats object to the president conforming to religious objections, while Republicans are all for reforming the rule.

While ABC News reports that 84 percent of Americans agree with the use of birth control, the vote is a little more indecisive when it comes to religious organizations paying for it, with only 49 percent of Americans in favor of it. The basis behind President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, is preventative, affordable health care for all. The recent controversy over contraceptives holds this same basis: preventative care for women that is affordable.

Politicians happened to inherit this controversy on an election year. Usually, this is the time of the term when congressmen try to detach themselves from any sticky situ-

tions in hopes of not alienating voters. Constituents from back home will take over the votes of congressmen rather than party alignments or political ideologies.

Appeasing the people of their constituency is key in an election year not only because of the vote that comes on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, but perhaps more importantly because of the business occurring before that point. Everyone running for office in November currently seeks campaign funding. Now, depending on where they stand on this issue, their campaign funds may seek significant increases or decreases. Especially on a grassroots level, individuals and organizations may now start shelling out large donations for candidates.

The emergence of 501c4s and Super PACs has put politics in America into a new era of campaign finance with anonymity highlighting the key to this evolution. Republicans on the campaign trail now have fuel to fire negative outlooks on the president, and the same goes for candidates in congressional elections.

OUR VIEW: PAPICHULO'S Cheap food wins in Maryville

Papichulo's has quickly proven itself a jack-of-all-trades in the food industry: late-night junk food, hang-out spot, inexpensive Mexican cuisine and the number one "drunk food" destination in Maryville. If the restaurant has its wishes, it will soon add two more qualifiers to the list: alcohol license and delivery service.

But the one market that Papichulo's cannot fill is the one that has remained empty in Maryville for years: an all-night breakfast cafe.

Students have been the loudest voice, howling for years for a pancake pit-stop within walking distance of campus and the local watering holes. If it's inexpensive and has free Wi-Fi, people will line up outside for it. But regardless of a

person's specific wish list, most of us agree that Maryville is in serious need of a breakfast establishment.

Your requests have been heard. The only reason that a breakfast restaurant cannot be found in Maryville is not because no one recognizes the need. It's due to lack of entrepreneurship.

At the Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation, a nonprofit organization that coaches business owners and entrepreneurs on leadership and management, they know Maryville's biggest restaurant.

"That is one of the main concerns I hear when I am in town," Enterprise Facilitator Annette Weeks said in an interview with Missourian Reporter Eric Mizener. "At the same time, there has to be

someone who is passionate about providing that commitment."

If students are so confident in a breakfast-restaurant business model, there must be something we can do to spur its creation. Sign a petition? Collect donations to purchase the old Baskin-Robbins property on Fourth Street and begin calling contractors for bids? Call Omaha native Warren Buffet or other investors and ask for a start-up fund?

Through surveys – issued by Collin DeBuysere, City Council student representative, and others – or just word of mouth, our requests for this kind of restaurant are heard but not acted upon. It may be up to us to take action and kick-start the construction of the restaurant we so desperately need.

RELATIONSHIP COLUMN

Healing after betrayal benefits couples who practice honesty

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It's no secret Newt Gingrich did it—and he did it more than once. JFK did it, Bill Clinton, Tiger Woods and Frank Gifford—we know the stories. Perhaps grandma, mom or dad, our significant other or possibly even you betrayed the one you professed to love exclusively.

Almost nobody enters a "serious," committed relationship with plans to be unfaithful, yet it is a common occurrence. According to the late researcher and author Shirley Glass, at least 44 percent of men and 25 percent of women will cheat on their partners at some point during their marriage. And there is a small percentage of partners who have a serious, lingering problem called "philandering," these are repeat offenders, enjoying the excitement of affair after affair and never really healing the deep issues in their psyche that cause them to be repeatedly unfaithful. For the sake of this article, I will focus on those who betray their significant others who are not generally repeat offenders, and who genuinely feel remorseful and want to heal their primary relationship.

Truly, few relationship challenges cause more lasting pain and hardship for couples than an affair. In his recently published book, "Trust: Emotional Attunement for Couples," celebrated relationship scientist John Gottman highlights the impact of betrayal on relationships, and he proposes a method for couples to heal and regain trust and commitment over time.

For example, when a couple becomes caught in a pattern of negativity and hurting each other, it is common that each person begins to predictably depend less and less on their primary relationship to meet their emotional needs. They turn away or turn against each other and begin to rehearse resentful and lonely thoughts. The person whom they once admired becomes someone they now disrespect or at least feel they have nothing in common with. There is less emotional intimacy, and they begin to think thoughts such as, "I could do better."

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The restaurant has also become an employment opportunity for a few Northwest students. Senior Jake Sinnet, who has worked at Papichulo's during the last month, said that it is a nice job to have, except for some of the late hours that come with it. Sinnet said that while the restaurant can get hectic during the night, it isn't hard to keep up with the big crowds that the weekends bring.

"Sometimes it seems more nuts than it really is," Sinnet said. "Everyone is really loud, but it seems like more than it really is."

Sinnet said that Papichulo's late hours aren't the only secret to business that they possess; the quality of food is nothing to be ignored.

"Pretty much a lot of what people eat during nighttime is just a lot of fast food," Sinnet said. "I think that what we have to offer is we're fresh pretty much all the time; everything that we have here is made here, so instead of eating something fast food that is imported and frozen, it's something that's just better. It just sounds better; it tastes better; it's just better."

Sinnet said that the burritos are the best-sellers at Papichulo's because of how personalized the cus-

tomers can order them.

"It's like the bigger you want it, the bigger you can make it," Sinnet said. "And (people) go crazy for it."

However, some people have stronger ideas on what is the best menu item.

"The queso cheese is money; that is where it's at. You can get it on anything," junior Chance Brown said. "It is phenomenal; always get the extra-dollar cheese."

Papichulo's has already seen some strain during winter break when college students aren't around as often. Also, Sinnet said that nighttime business heavily outweighs the daytime revenue.

"It is pretty clear when we get most of our business. During the day we make maybe a total of about 60 burritos," Sinnet said. "But when it gets to about nighttime we make about 200 (burritos) an hour."

Morales began using social media to interact with customers in order to find new ways to improve sales. On Jan. 30 he posted that if their page got enough likes, then the business would start delivering. The Facebook page currently has 250 "likes."

"This is possibly the best business plan to come to Maryville," senior Bryce Schafer said. "Open until 3 a.m. and your food tastes better than Chipotle? Yea, they've figured out the secret."

INVENTION

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chemistry at the University Dr. Ahmed Mlakawi watched Islam as he progressed with his soon-to-be patent. Mlakawi said a number of students have been asking him about Islam's newest invention.

"It's exciting and inspiring to those students who have been asking me about it," Mlakawi said.

Islam said he encourages students at the University to chase their dreams just like he did.

"We have a good number of resources in our department, and that should inspire them (students)," Islam said.

Islam is proud of his achievement, but said his invention won't stop with a patent.

Although his project is relatively new to him because it's in a field other than the one he specializes in, Islam enjoys the field of bioscience more.

"But I like to combine those two," Islam said. "I know I'm in biochemistry, but I want to try to move on and progress in nanotechnology as well."

BARNETT

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Zech and Barnett could be guilty.

Currently, Zech and Barnett are suspended from school.

Barnett was charged with the class C felony of sexual assault of a minor and the misdemeanor charge of endangering the welfare of a child in early January. He ultimately faces two to seven years at the Missouri Department of Corrections on the felony charge and up to one year at the Nodaway County Jail on the misdemeanor charge.

Zech was charged with the class B felony of sexual exploitation of a minor for allegedly recording Barnett and the underage girl engaging in sexual intercourse. He could receive five to fifteen years of jail time at the Missouri Department of Corrections as well.

A class A felony is the most serious charge. These capital crimes and are punishable at the highest level, with life in prison.

WEIGHT

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"I originally started in the 1980s, but after I moved I stopped going to the meetings and gained it all back," Keefer said. "My wife and I joined in 2003 when we lived in Cincinnati, and I reached my goal in summer of 2003 and have been a life-long member since then."

"The main thing that motivated me was that my father died young; that made me decide that I wanted to be a healthier person, and Weight Watchers was the thing that helped me do it."

Keefer is not the only member who brings an amazing story to the Tuesday meetings; Kim Hullinger from the Educator Certification Office does as well. In the last year, Hullinger has lost over 100 pounds while in the program.

"I didn't really have a goal when I first started; I didn't even think this was possible," Hullinger said. "What I find very helpful is all the support from the group."

Both Hullinger and Keefer praise the University for putting together the program. By pairing the Weight Watchers group with Blue Cross Blue Shield, the University was able to bring the program in at a lower cost and with a tighter community.

"I have gotten to know a lot of people throughout the campus and have made some new friends which has become my support system," Hullinger said. "There is a wide variety of people who come to the meetings, and it has brought us all together as coworkers."

The group continues to meet every Tuesday in the Administration Building to talk about their weeks and to give tips and support to group members. Keefer says that bringing members of the Northwest community together helps localize the program and inspire those involved.

"I mean Charles Barkley and Jennifer Hudson are encouraging, but it is even more encouraging to see somebody you actually know," Keefer said.

Not only do members of the group credit their support system to help keep them involved with the program but Hullinger says she is encouraged to stay with the program after seeing how it affects those around her.

"Not only do I feel better physically, but I feel better mentally as well," Hullinger said. "Seeing how my story has motivated others to keep on the program only makes me want to keep going."

CLARENCE

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learning from them, understanding how different types of thinkers young folks are today; they are much more visual," Green said. "It is a different type of challenge as an instructor today; you really have to know the material because all of you young folks sit there in the classroom with a computer or a phone, and you're fact checking everything the professor says.

"If you say this, you better be spot-on right or pretty dang close or be able to defend yourself because students can fact-check you right there."

He continued on to explain how different the classroom world is from the police world.

"It's a different challenge for me because in the police world folks question you, but you can always arrest them, so they really don't question you," Green said. "But in the classroom you don't have that authority, so when they question you, you have to have an answer."

"I like that challenge; it's making me a better police officer because it makes me think through things and to really be able to explain them. I enjoy that more than anything."

The connection between the classroom and working in the field is a component of the class that the students find interesting and

applicable.

"What really sets him apart is his professional experience," senior Ja Oehring said. "We get almost a live look-in through Clarence's eyes as to what we are learning in the book. He has real, professional experience and offers his personal stories, which help make what we are learning real and tangible rather than just something we have to remember for the test."

"Best of all, Clarence offers his assistance when needed. Whenever I asked for a favor, he did not hesitate to help and offer his own time for my benefit. His courses are, without a question, in my top three that I have had at Northwest, and I would advise anyone to take them."

Not only does Green impact students in the classroom, but his fellow officers say working for him "is an absolute joy," University Police Lieutenant Ray Ottman said.

Ottman, who has had the pleasure of both working with Green and getting to know him on a more personal level, said he is "one of the most caring individuals you will ever meet."

"His best attribute is his heart," Ottman said of his friend. "He is understanding, open to all and the most reliable person I've ever met. If you are fortunate enough to get to know him like I have, you will find that he is a great friend, a wonderful father and working with him is a privilege," Ottman said.

In his spare time, Green enjoys raising

beagles to be rabbit hunting dogs. Even more so, however, he enjoys the activities that his four children are involved in.

"I'm a volleyball dad, a dance dad, a cheer dad and my son boxes. We help run a local boxing gym in St. Joseph, Mo., where we have disadvantaged youth who participate in the sport. About 40 to 50 kids, who are sent to us by juvenile authorities, are not doing well in school, or are of a low socioeconomic status, travel around the state with us to compete," Green said. "It's always been a passion of mine working with young kids."

Green, who celebrated 15 years working on the University's police squad last year, says that in his career the most meaningful moments involve interacting with the students. He shared a story of a phone call he received from a police chief about two Northwest students who entered the law enforcement field following graduation. The students both applied for the same job at a police department and when they were asked 'who is someone living that you admire?' they said Clarence Green. The chief said this had never happened before.

"You never know what kind of impact you have on someone," Green said, recalling the memory. "I think it is very important that when you are going through life, you are kind and do the right thing, because you never know who you are impacting. You might say the right thing at the right time."

Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department

Feb. 9

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1600 block South Main.

Feb. 8

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at Mozingo Lake.

There is an ongoing investigation of lost or stolen property at 400 block North Buchanan.

Lisa M. Corns, 26, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and failure to register a motor vehicle at 600 block North Main.

Ricardo D. Rodriguez, 22, Des Moines, Iowa, was charged with driving while suspended and wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Buchanan.

Feb. 6

Jennifer L. Barrows, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with providing false information to a public safety officer at 300 block West Thompson.

Feb. 5

Chanz B. Mason, 19, Blue Springs, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct, minor in possession, false information to a public safety official, and possession of another's license.

Feb. 4

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 1200 block Crestview.

An accident occurred between Donna L. Turnipseed, 69, Ravenwood, Mo., and Lisa K. Wheeler, 49, Maryville, Mo., at East South Avenue and South Market.

Feb. 3

John T. Yates, 44, Savannah, Ga., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 1200 block West Sixteenth Street.

Shelby A. Culp, 19, Mound City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 1200 block Fox Road.

Feb. 2

Brandi M. Rios, 34, Maryville, Mo., was charged with trespassing at 1600 block South Main.

Blotter from Nodaway County Sheriff's Department

Feb. 3

Bryan R. Britt, 28, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported a domestic dispute.

Brett M. Poppa, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for child molestation in the first degree.

Feb. 2

A Maryville, Mo., subject had her license plates stolen off of her vehicle.

A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported he had been bitten by a dog.

Jan. 31

Antoine L. Chillers, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for operating vehicle on highway without valid license.

A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported that someone had damaged her vehicle.

Jan. 30

A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported that he had several animal furs stolen out of his shed. After further investigation, David E. Stotts, 54, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary in the second degree and stealing.

Jan. 28

Danny Spaulding, 54, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for violation of order of protection for adult.

A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported that someone had burglarized his home.

Jan. 27

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had trespassed onto her property.

A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject bought a vehicle off of Craigslist that ended up being a stolen vehicle.

Jan. 25

Brandon R. Christian, 30, St. Joseph,

Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for forgery and stealing.

Jan. 24

A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported that someone had tried to break into the Burlington Junction Christian Church and in doing so left \$300.00 worth of property damage to the front entrance.

Jan. 23

Michael S. Webster, 31, Redoak, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Jan. 22

Shanda F. Kile, 19, Creston, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Jan. 21

Ronald C. Kalina, 52, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for two counts of stealing.

Jan. 20

Jose T. Leon, 19, Independence, Mo., was arrested for operating motor vehicle on highway without valid license.

Jan. 22

A Bolckow, Mo., subject reported property damage to his fence row.

Jan. 21

Justin T. Shipps, 18, Ravenwood, Mo., was issued a summons for property damage in the second degree.

Jan. 20

Graig A. Warden, 42, Barnard, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to obey judges order for driving while intoxicated and was later issued a summons.

Jan. 19

Emily Hintz, 18, Crete, Iowa, was arrested for minor visibly intoxicated and was later issued a summons.

Jan. 18

Cori Foust, 18, Pacific Junction, Iowa, was arrested for minor visibly intoxicated and was later issued a summons.

Jan. 17

MFA Agri Services in Guilford, Mo., reported that they had \$3,424.00 worth of steel rods stolen from them. After further investigation, Scott G. Ellsworth, 28, King City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing.

Jan. 16

Stormy A. Dearorff, 28, Ravenwood, Mo., was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child.

Tommy L. Dearorff, 46, Ravenwood, Mo., was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child, and unlawful possession of a firearm and was later served a Nodaway County warrant for endangering welfare of a child and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Housing

For Rent: 2 bedroom apt. only 3 blocks from campus. NO PETS, NO SMOKING. Hardwood floors, New Carpet. \$500/month. 660.582.7160. 714.5 Filmore.

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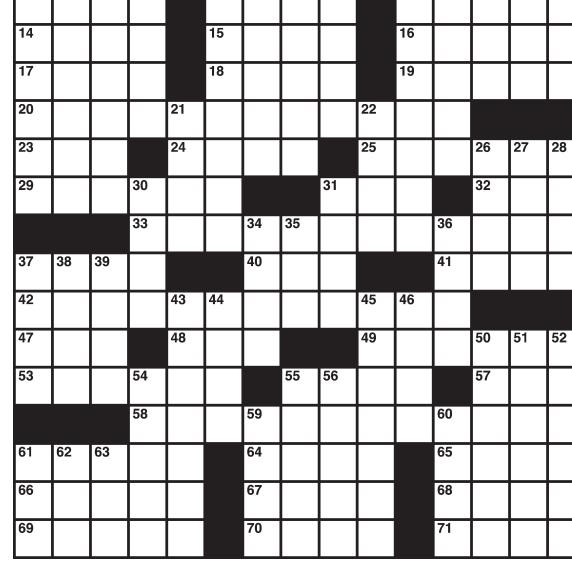
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By Julian Lim



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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (02/16/12). Frugality is practical; conserving resources is a natural expression. Whether it's energy, money or resources that you're saving, it's always a good idea to stash some for later. Studies take you to unexpected places. Explore and boldly discover this year.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- You've got tons of energy for making big strides toward final outcomes. Don't worry about details right now. Your easy humor lets you coast to victory.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- A slow morning leads to big picture

conversations with a broad outlook. Take notes. New doors are opening for greater leadership.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Continue developing partnerships in impossible places. In case of doubt, review the instructions. Put yourself in another person's shoes.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- As if you're not busy enough, there's more work coming. Someone shows you how to use technology to increase productivity. Two heads are better than one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Don't wait until the last minute to finish projects. It's about to get intense, and you want to make it to the finish line. Relax with friends after a job well done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You keep your family together with your capacity to see both sides of the story. Create better communication channels. Don't get too serious.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You get a morale booster. Now see if you can pass it on. There are many opportunities for growth, especially in

your relationships. Let them know what you heard.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- There may be morning grumpiness or frustration. Get into projects with diligence and passion, and afternoon energy relaxes. Look for beauty, and find it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Put the pieces together. There's nothing that can stop you now. You can always get help for the puzzles you don't understand. A friendship thrives.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is

a 5 -- Enjoy the sunshine, if you can. A partner's encouragement empowers you. Face-to-face interactions produce great ideas. Follow your schedule.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- You can really make it happen. Surround yourself with those who truly support your creative vision. No need for extravagance.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Enjoy peaceful moments. See yourself in a new light. Your enthusiasm and creativity are quite attractive. You're more appreciated than you know.

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Answers for the Feb. 9 issue.

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What does



got to do with it?

BEN LAWSON

Features Editor

College students are under constant pressure between their classes and other obligations, like sports or a job, which can be overwhelming. But imagine trying to raise a child on top of all that.

Martell Love is a senior broadcasting major and the father of a one-year-old girl, Essence Love. Along with his responsibilities as a student and father, Martell works for KZLX as operations director and the voice of Dr. Love on "Love After Dark," at Molly's Bar as a disc jockey and runs track at Northwest. He says at times he feels stretched too thin.

"I have so much

ing a father forced him to mature.

"That was my main thought: 'I gotta grow up now,'" Martell said. "I think it was fear at first, but now that she's here, I've grown into a completely different person. I've seen myself mature a whole lot since she has been here. She's my world right now, basically."

Before his daughter was born, Martell created "Love After Dark." He started the show two years ago with co-host Anthony Dupree. Martell says he started the talk show to make up for a lack of any R & B shows in Maryville.

"I wanted it to be a show that we played music that people wouldn't hear up here otherwise," Martell said. "Since I was younger, I wanted to do my own radio show, I just didn't know what type of radio show it would be."

Each week the hosts of "Love After Dark" discuss a different topic based on relationships and ask for listeners to call in with their opinions.

"Basically, I wanted

it to be a show that got the audience engaged. I always open up on the phone lines for people to call in and voice their opinions. I feel like, at the time, that was the only radio show on X106 that allowed listeners to do that. That was my main drive: to get the audience involved."

"Love After Dark" is Martell's passion. He hopes to be able to take the show with him when he graduates to a radio station in Kansas City. If not, he wants it to remain on X106 even after he graduates.

Martell Love hosts "Love After Dark" 10 p.m. on Sundays for X106.7. Love has also been DJing at Molly's Bar since Oct. 2011. LORE

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Martell graduates this spring and plans on moving to his home town, Kansas City. His daughter will remain here with his girlfriend, Ebony Osby. He worries about being away from his daughter but still plans on following his dream of working in radio.

WHAT'S HOT

Grammy Winners

The people at the Grammys got it spot-on this year when selecting their winners. Adele and The Foo Fighters stole the show; they walked away with multiple awards a piece. Skrillex, Kanye West and Bon Iver were among the other winners.

Summer Concerts

Jack White, Skrillex, The Flaming Lips and The Red Hot Chili Peppers are a few of the big acts on tour this summer. Dates are just starting to get announced so if you actually want to see the band, you better order your tickets fast.

Jeremy Lin

After being waived by the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets before a short stint to the Developmental League, Jeremy Lin has taken the NBA by storm. He has given the Knicks six straight wins as a starter after finding playing time with Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire both out of the lineup.

WHAT'S NOT

Nicki Minaj's Grammy performance

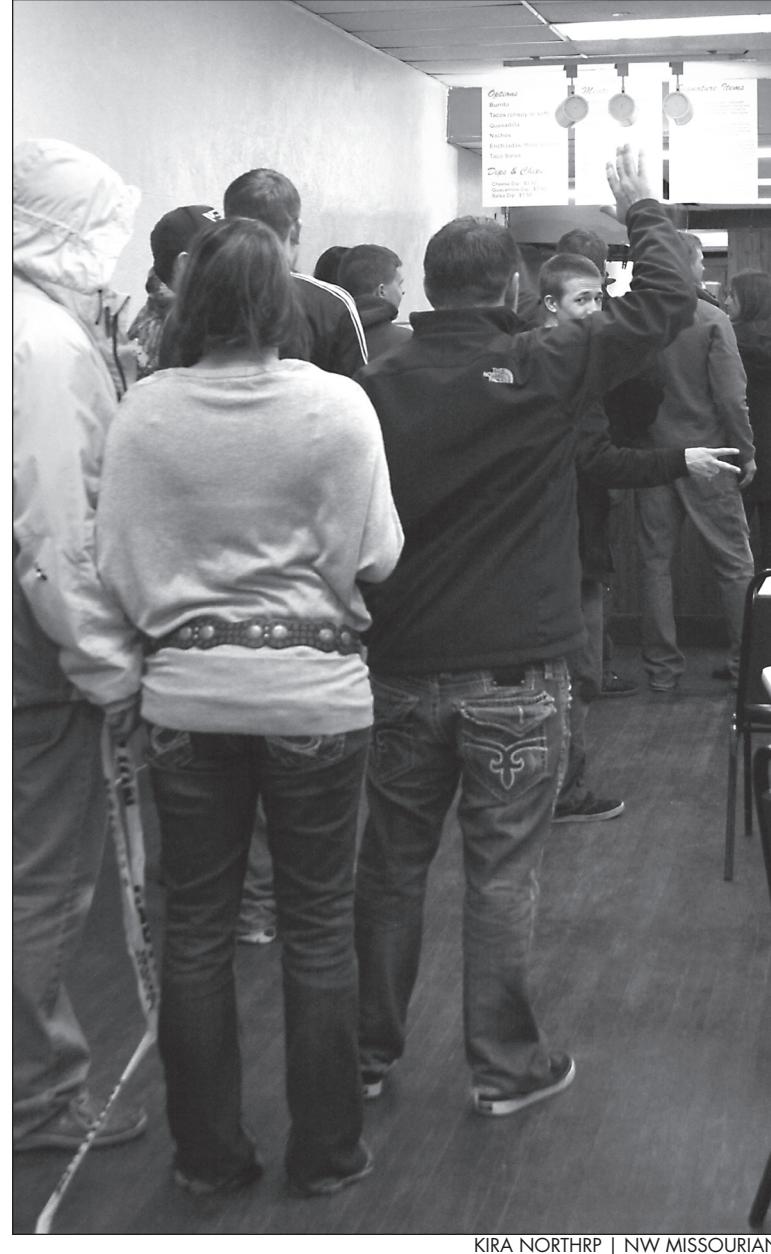
Nicki Minaj's Grammy performance probably left most viewers wondering what the heck they just witnessed. Minaj did a faux exorcism of her alter ego, Roman, complete with a priest. It made the Catholic Church pretty mad and probably most of her fans. It was definitely one of the weirdest performances in recent memory.

Pizza Hut Engagement Package

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Pending Budget Cuts

This week Northwest faces budget cuts that mean loss of jobs, services for students and some academic departments. This is something affecting the entire state. It's enough to give students a reason to worry.



KIRA NORTHRP | NW MISSOURIAN

Patrons of Papichulo's wait in a line that almost reaches outside at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. In this week's Stroller your man stresses the importance of the restaurant.

'Final Fantasy XIII-2' takes great series to mediocrity

BEN LAWSON

Features Editor

"Final Fantasy XIII-2" fixes problems that plagued the original but creates a few of its own.

"Final Fantasy XIII-2" picks up three years after "Final Fantasy XIII." Lightning, a protagonist from "Final Fantasy XIII," has gone missing, and her sister, Serah, embarks on a journey to find her with the help of the mysterious Noel.

The biggest complaint about "Final Fantasy XIII" was its linear setup for the first half of the game. Thankfully, developer Square-Enix listened to fans and made XIII-2 entirely open-world. Players can complete objectives in the order they want to most of the time. The game even spread a significant number of side

quests throughout the world.

"Final Fantasy XIII-2" retains the battle system from XIII. It's been tweaked slightly to make it more fluid but if you're familiar with XIII then you will master XIII-2 in no time.

The system puts a spin on traditional turn-based gameplay. Battles are faster than they have ever been in any Final Fantasy game, but that's not necessarily a good thing. It takes a lot less thought and strategy to win a battle. The battle system may lack depth, but it's not as tedious as in the past, and almost no level grinding is necessary as you make your way through the game. So if you can accept these changes, then "Final Fantasy XIII-2" can be really enjoyable.

Your party in the game is made up of two playable human characters and a monster of your choosing. The designers decided to include

You catch these monsters throughout the game and can level them up the same as any other character but in a more limited manner. In most Final Fantasy games you have at least six characters to choose from. You have to meticulously choose which three characters to use for certain battles, but in this game you are stuck with the same two, so the team-building aspect gets lost.

The "Final Fantasy" franchise is known for its storytelling, but this game's story is significantly lacking. "Final Fantasy XIII" had a very intricate story, complete with plenty of epic cut-scenes, but XIII-2 lacks both. Serah and Noel are constantly sidetracked on the search for Lightning, and it's hard to understand what motivates them sometimes.

many interactive cut-scenes in the game, which is good and bad. It's fun to feel like your influencing character's huge attacks, but it's hard to pay attention to the scene when you are focused on hitting the right button.

All things considered, "Final Fantasy XIII-2" is a fun game. It doesn't hold up to its predecessor, but that's a pretty high standard to meet. If you're a fan of the series, you must play this game, if not, then skip it.



Game: Final Fantasy XIII-2
Developer: Square-Enix
Available on: Xbox 360, Playstation 3

'Star Wars: Episode I' in 3D just is not worth the cash

TREY WILLIAMS

Editor-in-Chief

Last weekend I sat in an empty theater with my younger brother to experience what I could have sworn would be once in a lifetime.

Now, I'm no Star Wars fanatic, but I thought, "Who could turn down lightsaber battles, pod racing and Natalie Portman, all in 3D?" It seemed to escape me that we were referring to "Episode I: The Phantom Menace." I'm pretty sure Episode I is widely considered the worst of the series. But that didn't stop me.

Before I really delve into my reactions to the film, it's important to state that I was neither disappointed nor blown away.

As I sat in the dark, I could do nothing but attempt to lower my expectations as to not be disappointed. That didn't last long. As soon as the famous intro began in 3D, I couldn't help but grin from ear to ear.

I was one of the people telling everyone that this movie was made to be in 3D, and that would make it like something never experienced before. The truth is, overall, the 3D was pedestrian, and the movie is still just plain bad.

When the movie began, the picture was blurry and looked like it was made in 1999. I expected the footage to be restored to the point where it looked like a movie made today. I guess that was just wishful thinking.

While no action that would make

me appreciate the 3D was on the screen, I just sat back and remembered how bad this movie really was.

With that said, the pod race, lightsaber battles and space battles were amazing in 3D. During Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon's fight with Darth Maul I was on the edge of my seat as if I were watching it for the first time.

The IMAX addition to the equation had little effect on my final thoughts of the re-release of the film. The bigger screen just gave me more of Jar Jar Binks to hate. The sound quality during action sequences, however, was a definite plus.

To all my friends who refused to see this with me and said they wouldn't waste \$16 on "Star Wars Episode I," you win. Here's a final tally:



Director: George Lucas
Actors: Liam Neeson, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman
Prod. Company: Lucasfilm

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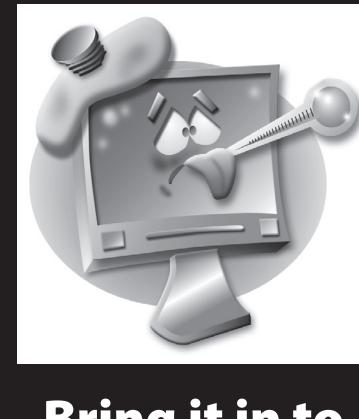
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NORTHWEST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



KIRA NORTHRUP | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Abby Henry looks for an open teammate in Saturday's 72-71 overtime win over Missouri Western. Henry scored a team-high 16 points for the Bearcats, helping them end a seven-game losing streak.

CENTRAL

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matchup as Central scored the first 14 points in the contest.

Reinders said getting off to a fast start is one of three keys to the remaining games on the schedule.

"Treat it like another game. Focus on what we need to do rather than what Central does and how to

stop Central," Reinders said.

"There's three things (we need to do): It's getting off to a quick start probably, offensive and defensive rebounding, so rebounding in general, and taking care of the ball, not allowing them to get easy baskets."

Winning three out of the last four games would give Northwest the top seed in the MIAA Tournament, a situation that Northwest has not been accustomed to in re-

cent years.

"It's almost more difficult to handle the success than it was to handle a losing season just because you have to perform," McCollum said. "Every game it's magnified. You're taking everyone else's best shot."

"But to control your own destiny, shoot, we just gotta compete and play hard, and hopefully, we can get ourselves a championship."

TRUMAN

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fit for them."

However, the move does not come without some costs.

Not only will the Bulldogs have to pay an exit fee to the MIAA, it also forfeits the oldest traveling trophy game in the Division II.

Truman holds a 54-33-4 lead in the all-time series that dates back to their first meeting in 1930.

"For me, personally, as a guy that played here, as a guy that grew up watching that game, and as a coach, it's going to be very disappointing (to lose the Ol' Hickory Stick game)," head coach Adam Dorrel said.

The MIAA already had football schedules in place for the next four years and had them tentatively drawn up for as far out as eight years, but those plans look to be changing as well.

Boerigter said the next two years of schedules are locked in, leaving teams that had Truman in their schedule looking for another game to replace the open week that would potentially create.

"The reality is we were already losing a game in football because of conference expansion," Baker

said. "I think, geographically, you hate to lose somebody who's a pretty short travel opponent for you, especially when you're bringing in the two teams from Oklahoma, which are a pretty good distance for us."

"I think there could be the opportunity to play them in some non-conference games and still continue some kind of scheduling relationship."

Northwest was not scheduled to play Truman in football again until the 2014 season and will not be affected by the Bulldogs' potential move.

Boerigter was already re-working the 2014 schedule last week in preparation for Truman's move. He plans to present the new schedules to the conference's coaches in May and the athletic directors shortly thereafter.

While the dust still has not settled from the news of Truman's departure, one thing is for sure. More change is inevitable.

"I think that there are some teams when you zoom out and look long-term that could possibly look at other options, but I think when you look at the majority of our members, they're pretty committed, and this conference makes sense for them," Baker said.

CRUCIAL

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Steinmeyer said he would take that kind of win again, but it is not exactly what he is hoping for.

"I'll take it, but they were missing their post player when we played them the first time," Steinmeyer said. "(Jennifer Conway) is one of their leading scorers, and she was out with an ankle injury... So they'll be a handful."

The Bearcats will be in action again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Maryville against Central Missouri.

Steinmeyer said the UCM game might be the most crucial matchup remaining in terms of

conference tournament implications.

Dietz agrees the contest with the Mules is a key game.

"We have to win at least three out of these four games, I think, to make the conference tournament," Dietz said. "We have to try to at least win one game this week... We may not win at Truman, but if we can win at home and somehow steal one from Central, that gives us the tiebreaker."

Steinmeyer said his team is willing to do whatever it takes to get a win Saturday.

"What do we got to lose? We'll throw the kitchen sink at teams," he said. "We'll try to throw junk at people...It's all in now. We just have to use it to see if it works."

STATE

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"No matter what we tell them it is still hard to prepare for the atmosphere. There are eight mats all going on at once and the crowd noise is right on top of you."

All four state qualifiers will have the opportunity to return to the team next season. Coleman

is the only 'Hound graduating.

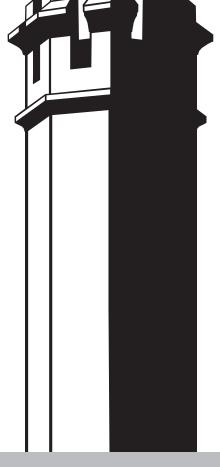
The 'Hounds will conclude their season this weekend at Mizzou Arena in Columbia. The tournament will begin Thursday morning and conclude Saturday night.

"All we really expect is that they go out there and wrestle the best that they can," Drake said.

"The two that have previous experience would like to improve on last year's finish."

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST	19-3	13-3
Washburn	18-6	12-4
Mo. Southern	20-5	12-5
Central Mo.	16-6	12-5
Fort Hays	16-6	10-6
Southwest Baptist	16-10	9-8
Pitt. State	13-11	9-8
Emporia State	8-14	4-12
Truman	7-17	4-12
Lincoln (Mo.)	3-19	3-13
Mo. Western	7-15	2-14

February 16:

Fort Hays at S.W. Baptist

February 18:

Emporia at Lincoln (Mo.)

Fort Hays at Mo. Southern

Mo. Western at Truman

Central Mo. at NORTHWEST

Pitt. State at Washburn

MHS BOY'S BASKETBALL

	Overall	MEC
Cameron	16-6	5-0
Savannah	14-9	6-1
Lafayette	11-14	6-3
MARYVILLE	11-11	3-3
Chillicothe	11-9	1-2
Smithville	5-11	1-3
Benton	2-20	2-7
LeBlond	7-13	1-5

February 17:

Chillicothe at Cameron

Benton at LeBlond

Lafayette at Smithville

MARYVILLE at Savannah

February 21:

Cameron at MARYVILLE

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State	22-2	16-1
Washburn	21-4	14-2
Emporia St.	17-5	12-4
Central Mo.	17-6	11-6
Fort Hays	17-7	9-7
Lincoln (Mo.)	13-9	7-9
Truman	13-9	7-9
Mo. Western	6-16	4-12
Southwest Baptist	9-14	4-13
NORTHWEST	5-19	3-13
Mo. Southern	7-16	3-14

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MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

	Overall	MEC
Smithville	15-4	5-0
Benton	10-10	4-2
Lafayette	11-12	5-3
Cameron	18-4	3-2
Savannah	15-6	3-4
MARYVILLE	9-8	1-3
Chillicothe	9-11	0-2
LeBlond	2-15	0-5

February 16:

Smithville at Lafayette

Cameron at Chillicothe

LeBlond at Benton

Savannah at MARYVILLE

February 21:

MARYVILLE at Cameron



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior forward Brooke Byland waits to go up past an Auburn (Neb.) defender. The 'Hounds came out with a 65-49 against Auburn Jan. 17.

Defense keys girls' monster win

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

The Maryville girl's basketball team picked up a convincing victory Tuesday with one Spoofhound putting up more points than the other team.

Maryville traveled to Nebraska City (Neb.) to take on the Pioneers and notched a 48-18 win.

Head coach Grant Hageman said his team's shooting was a big reason for the large margin of victory.

"We came out and shot lights out to start the game," Hageman said. "I think we made our first four shots, so we just kind of came out and stunned them a little bit. They never really countered back with anything."

Senior guard Holly Wilmarth put up 30 points on the night, including five three-pointers in the first half.

Even with Wilmarth's offensive outburst, Hageman credited a total team effort for the win.

"Our team defense overall was really good," he said. "Holly had a great performance on offense,

but we also did a pretty good job of passing the ball, being unselfish and getting good shots."

"I don't know that there was any one player that really stood out above anyone else. It was good team defense tonight and fun, unselfish basketball."

Hageman was pleased with the victory, but said Nebraska City is a struggling team and that he wants to see his team play the same way against tougher competition.

The Spoofhounds will be back in action at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Maryville when they take on Savannah.

Hageman is hoping his team's hot shooting can carry over to the next couple of games.

"We're going to have to shoot the ball well to have success here at the end of the year," Hageman said. "It's good to see that we had a good offensive night, and I hope it carries over."

"We've got to be able to score against Savannah and make shots. When you're playing well on offense, you play better on defense, so that's another reason we need to get going here."

"We just kind of came out and stunned them a bit. They never really countered back with anything."

Grant Hageman

Hageman expects his team to continue to improve and get a win against Savannah.

"Defensively, they're really good. We played them earlier in the year, and they kind of got after us defensively," he said. "We'll have to handle their pressure, but we have to execute better on offense to make sure we get some good looks. If we can get our offense going, then I think our defense will play a lot better."

"Last time we played them, we couldn't get anything going on offense. We were kind of desperate on defense and had to gamble, and that isn't a good situation."

Scarborough keeps streak alive with 3

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

Senior guard Payton Scarborough knocked in a game-winning shot Friday night to keep the Spoofhounds' win streak alive, as they creep closer to district play.

With four seconds remaining, Scarborough netted a three-pointer, as the 'Hounds escaped Benton 52-50.

"At first I was upset because I thought I missed it," Scarborough said. "I was mad because I thought we lost the game. Then I saw it bounce in, and it was a fast swing of emotions. I didn't really know what to say after that."

"When it's a pressure situation I just rely on my fundamentals and trust myself."

The win against Benton marked Maryville's third consecutive victory and increased their overall record to 11-11.

"I thought at times we played pretty well, but we still can improve," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We didn't play as well as we needed to for the whole game."

The three-game win streak for

the Spoofhounds is showing to be very timely with two games left before districts.

"It's the end of the year, and it's crunch time," Kuwitzky said. "We got to try and prepare well for Savannah, Friday and next Tuesday against Cameron at home because then we are in districts. So we want to continue the winning streak and keep getting better everyday."

Kuwitzky believes that the pieces are finally coming together for the 'Hounds.

"(Junior forward Tyler) Kenkel has had some big games," Kuwitzky said. "I think we are distributing the ball better and playing as a team better."

As one of four seniors on the squad, Scarborough knows what it is going to take to have his final season end on a high note.

"We have to keep playing hard," Scarborough said. "We are well coached. Coach Kuwitzky will have us ready to go when we start playing and we will continue to play hard."

Maryville travels to Savannah at 5 p.m. tomorrow as they look to get above .500 and keep their hot streak alive.

"I was mad because I thought we lost the game. Then I saw it go in, and it was a full swing of emotions."

Payton Scarborough

"We have to play physical, play to win, hit our shots and box out, definitely, because they are bigger than us," Scarborough said.

The 'Hounds have split the season series with Savages, 1-1, but are hoping they relive the success of the first matchup.

"They are so physical and so good that we are going to have to defend that patient offense they have," Kuwitzky said. "We are going to have to go make sure we don't give up easy buckets. It's probably going to be a low-scoring, physical, defensive-minded game."

2 return to State, 2 freshmen join them

JASON KRAFT

Missourian Reporter

The Maryville wrestling team left the district meet proud of their performance and excited for the future.

The 'Hounds placed seventh overall at the Class 1 District 4 Meet in Bethany last weekend. The seventh place finish marked a two-place increase from last year.

Individually, four wrestlers will represent Maryville at the Class 1 State Meet this weekend.

"Overall, we were very happy with the way we wrestled," head coach Joe Drake said. "In addition to the four state-qualifiers, we also had four wrestlers lose 'bubble-matches.'

Had those wrestlers won their 'bubble-matches' they would have qualified for state as well.

Senior Charlie Coleman was one of the wrestlers that came up one match short. That match also marked the end of his career as a Spoofhound wrestler.

Drake credits a lot of the team's success this year to the leadership of Coleman.

"He has done just as much as anything to help our team succeed because of the example he sets on and off the mat," Drake said.

Junior Derek Steins, 145 lbs., and sophomore Logan Coleman, 126 lbs., will be returning to state for the second consecutive year.

For freshmen, Nate Alexander, 120 lbs., and Brendan Weybrew, 285 lbs., it will be their first experience at state.

"That first state meet is pretty awesome, but also a little overwhelming," Drake said.

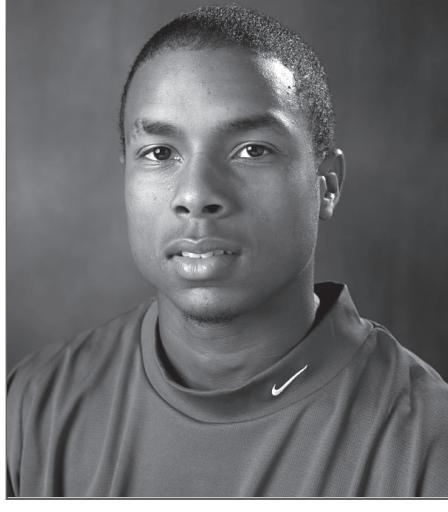
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



BEARCATS

DeShaun Cooper



Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper scored 19 points in the Bearcats' 67-61 victory over rival Missouri Western on Saturday and hit four clutch free throws down the stretch.

Shelly Martin



Senior guard Shelly Martin scored 15 points and knocked down the game-winning jumper in overtime as Northwest defeated Missouri Western 72-71.

Payton Scarborough



Senior guard Payton Scarborough scored a team-high 13 points, including the game-winning three-pointer to beat Benton 52-50 Friday night in St. Joseph.

Holly Wilmarth



Senior guard Holly Wilmarth outscored the entire Nebraska City (Neb.) team in Maryville's 48-18 win Tuesday night. Wilmarth scored a career-high 30 points in the win.

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Freshman forward Annie Mathews waits for the ball during the game Saturday against the Griffons. Mathews helped the Bearcats with the game-winning assist.

Win keeps women's hopes alive

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The women's basketball team is heading into a winnable stretch of the schedule after a big overtime win Saturday.

The Bearcats picked up a 72-71 victory against Missouri Western thanks to a couple key three-pointers and the eventual game-winning shot from senior guard Shelly Martin.

"Missouri Western was a must win," graduate assistant Gentry Dietz said. "With the little chance we already had of getting into the conference tournament, if they would have beat us and swept us, then we for sure wouldn't have had a chance with only two conference wins."

Dietz also thinks the game had an impact on the team's attitude.

"Getting a win like that and having everyone contribute, Abby (Henry) and Shelly having double figures, but everyone gave something," Dietz said. "I think it gives us a little momentum and something to hope for and something to still play for, as opposed to being knocked out of any chance of getting into the tournament."

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer talked about how key the win was for Northwest.

"It's more fun to come to practice right now," Steinmeyer said. "It's more fun to suit up for the game. You get rid of that seven-game losing streak, everyone talks about the monkey, but that was like carrying

a boulder on your back. That was tough."

"Losing is like the flu, and winning is like the flu. That seven-game losing streak, if we did have a close game, it seemed like we couldn't get the breaks."

The 'Cats traveled to Kirksville Wednesday to take on Truman State.

Results were unavailable as of press time. Check www.nwmissourian.com for an update.

Northwest led for only the final four seconds in a buzzer-beater win against Truman earlier this season.

Steinmeyer said he would take that kind of win again, but it is not exactly what he is hoping for.

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Track wins five titles, gears up for conference

CRAIG SIMS

Missourian Reporter

Five Bearcats highlighted a successful meet for Northwest this past weekend at the Concordia Invite in Seward, Neb.

Junior thrower Lekiesha McKnight continues to raise the bar for herself, as she improved her provisional mark in the shot put to 14.22 meters.

"She has been on fire this whole indoor season," head coach Scott Lorek said. "She is working hard and is really focused. I like where her head is this year."

McKnight also finished seventh in the weight throw.

"Her weight throw has been a bit stagnant this season, but this weekend it took off," Lorek said. "It's big for her to get that second event going because the shot put has always been there for her."

Sophomore Samantha Fender won the 60-meter run to top off the two titles for the women's squad.

Junior Travis Manning completed the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.17, earning him first place overall while improving his provisional mark.

"I knew I just had to go out there and do my own thing," Manning said. "Concordia has a fast track, and I just wanted to run as fast as I could to get my name on the provisional list."

Junior Will Haer pole vaulted to a title for Northwest with a

mark of 4.91 meters, equaling a provisional mark set earlier this season.

Junior Porter Groves brought home the fifth title of the weekend for the 'Cats, taking first place in the triple jump with a jump of 14.62 meters, also improving his NCAA provisional mark.

Next up for Northwest is the Central Missouri Classic in Warrensburg on Friday.

Lorek said that at Warrensburg some of the Northwest athletes will get rest, along with moving some people around, in preparation for the upcoming conference meet.

"It's a case where we are looking for improved marks and will have some people do different events to work on aspects that will help them in the conference meet," Lorek said.

"Conference meets are just dogfights. We have to get in there and mix it up, and our team is at the point mentally to do that."

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The football team poses with the Ol' Hickory Stick after their victory over Truman State Sept. 1, 2011. Northwest could be the Stick's final home.

HICKORY STICK TRADITION DIES?

Truman State's leaves behind more than just a game with potential conference move

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

Change is inevitable.

The MIAA is feeling that change with Truman State's announcement that they are exploring the possibility of joining the Great Lakes Valley Conference in time for the 2013-'14 seasons.

That change is also occurring rapidly.

"We understand that changes in athletics are imminent," MIAA Commissioner Bob Boerigter said. "...On the thirteenth of January at the NCAA Convention, Truman gave us absolutely no indication that they were in dialogue with the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Then we found out one week later they had the GLVC Commissioner on their campus."

If Truman does follow through with the move, it would drop the MIAA to 14 schools after Nebraska-Omaha's departure last season.

Boerigter said 16 teams is the ideal number for the conference, but that having 14 teams is better than having 15 teams.

Lindenwood, Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State (Okla.) are still set to join the league next year.

Although two teams have left the conference in the past year, Boerigter still feels the conference is stable moving into the near future.

However, it does sadden him to see a team leave, especially one that has been around for the entire 100-year history of the conference.

Northwest and Central Missouri are the last two original members of a conference that started out in 1912 with 14 teams.

"It's always disappointing to lose a member, regardless of what the circumstances are," Boerigter said. "When you see someone who's had an association, a charter member



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Football players hold up the Ol' Hickory Stick in celebration after defeating Truman State for the ninth straight time Sept. 1, 2011.

of the group, for 100 years, you're certainly disappointed to see them leave.

"We started with 14 schools in 1912. Only three of those remain, so there's been quite an evolution over 100 years in the MIAA, and obviously, that's going to continue."

Truman's move is one based on not only geography, but academics as well.

"From a geographic standpoint, it's not much different," Northwest Athletics Director Wren Baker said. "When you look at their academic emphasis and mission, there's some institutions that look a lot like them in the GLVC."

"I think your athletic conference should reflect schools that you have a similar mission with, so that may be, long-term, a better

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Bearcats still have goals to reach despite success

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

The last four games on the Northwest schedule all pose a challenge the Bearcats and coach Ben McCollum have never overcome before.

McCollum has never won at Truman State. The Bearcats took on Truman last night in Kirksville.

"You gotta be able to bring effort on the road in an environment where, generally, they don't have a lot of fans," McCollum said. "It's a difficult place to win, so we're going to have to be ready."

"They keep the game close because it's such a slow style of basketball, and in the half court they beat you up...It just frustrates you if you don't get a real good lead on them. Then that frustration can completely snowball; then, eventually, they have a lead on you."

The Bearcats have never beaten Central Missouri under McCollum. The Mules come to Maryville Saturday.

Central beat Northwest 63-60 Jan. 11 in Warrensburg.

McCollum has never beaten Southwest Baptist on the road and has lost every game he's coached against Missouri Southern, the final two opponents of the regular season.

Northwest is also riding a six-game winning streak, and junior point guard DeShaun Cooper said the team's momentum should help carry them down the stretch.

"I feel that we have a lot of momentum right now, but we're also improving, so I think that our momentum should continue," Cooper said.

The Bearcats beat Truman 65-47 Jan. 7, at Bearcat Arena. Senior guard Kyle Haake scored a game-high 14 points to pace the 'Cats.

Cooper said these are two different teams, and they should look at the game like this is their first meeting.

"We're both two different teams now," Cooper said. "We've had a lot of games in this spread that we had. I feel that we're more developed on defense, and they're probably more developed as a team now. I feel that we just need to go in looking at it like we've never played them before."

Results were unavailable as of press time. Be sure to check www.nwmissourinews.com for all of the latest.

A win would give the 'Cats a two-game lead in the MIAA standings heading into Saturday's match-up with the Mules.

"Any game you win in this league, especially on the road, is huge," McCollum said. "It just gives you an extra step on everybody else. That's why it makes such a huge difference to compete and try and win on the road at Truman."

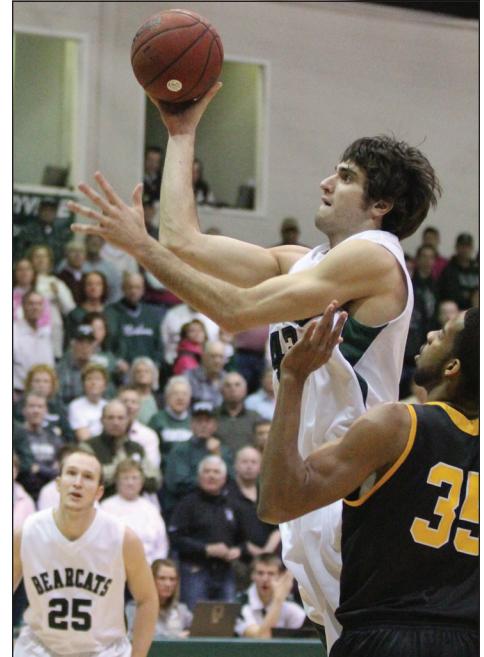
The team's next win will also give them 20 on the season, the most since the 2007-'08 season.

"This is a top-tier program and to get this program 20 wins again, it'll be great for the community and great for the school," senior forward Jake Reinders said.

In the first meeting, the Bearcats came back from 17 down only to see a potential game-tying three from Haake rim out. Haake finished with a game-high 13 points.

A slow start doomed the 'Cats in the first

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AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior forward Jake Reinders lunges toward the basket on Saturday. Reinders contributed 20 points in the 'Cats' 67-61 victory.

You can
spell elite
without Eli



CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant. Sports Editor

It's the sad time of year again when you wake up Sunday morning after a long night out and want nothing more than to watch football. Unfortunately, it has been replaced with just talk of the NFL.

One of the big subjects being thrown around after the Super Bowl was if Giants quarterback Eli Manning was "elite".

To me, the definition of elite means that you are one of the best at your position, and that you are so good every time you step on the field, no matter what the circumstances, you can win.

Manning threw for 6,152 yards, 38 touchdowns and 17 interceptions in the regular season and post-season. Easily, this was his best season ever and showed how good he can be under center.

With that said, in the new NFL where the rules cater to the offense, specifically the passing game, quarterbacks will put up big numbers.

Eli also has some weapons around him. Mario Manningham, Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks are legitimate wide receivers. Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw are good NFL running backs that will take some pressure off the quarterback.

Look at his older brother Peyton. He turned Austin Collie and Pierre Garcon into weapons. They should wake up every morning, call a bakery and get Peyton's favorite kind of muffins delivered to his house by a supermodel because they are employed thanks to him.

Peyton would love to turn around and hand the ball off to Bradshaw, but he was cursed with Donald Brown.

Eli does not belong on a list with Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, Peyton and Drew Brees. Three of those guys are first-ballot Hall of Famers, and Rodgers still has a good shot of being there someday if he keeps playing like he has the last three seasons.

Eli is a step below with Ben Roethlisberger, Michael Vick and Philip Rivers. All are good quarterbacks, but don't have anything that sets them above everyone else onto that elite level.

The conversation always ends up turning to the rings. Eli has won two Super Bowls, this year and in 2008.

You know who else has a ring? Trent Dilfer. You know who has zero? Dan Marino.

End of the argument.

I give Eli props though. He has delivered on the world's biggest stage twice with clutch performances. I'm not saying he is bad at all. He is not elite. He's not single-handedly going to win 13 games and throw for 5,000 yards every season.

I invite him to prove me, and everyone who thinks like me, wrong. Eli seems like a humble, team-first guy, which is rare to find these days.

Plus, if he plays elite and wins another ring, that means Dave Tollefson wins another ring. You can't root against a Bearcat.